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SUBJ: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: REVIEW OF POST ACTIONS

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1. KOREA. NIGER ABSTAINED ON BOTH HOSTILE AND FRIENDLY RESOLUTIONS AT UNGA LAST YEAR. SEEMS WELL DISMSSED TO NON-CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH THIS YEAR. PROBABLY WILL SUPPORT BUT NOT TAKE LEAD IN ORCHESTRATING IT WITHIN NON-ALIGNED. IF CONTRADICTORY RESOLUTIONS PRESSED AT UNGA, SEEMS FAIRLY CERTAIN GON WILL AGAIN ABSTAIN. BETWEEN OURSELVES AND SOUTH KOREANS, GON FROM PRESIDENT ON DOWN IS PRETTY WELL SATURATED ON ISSUE FRO NOW, AND BARRING UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENTS, IT WILL BE BEST NOT TO PUSH TOO HARD.

2. PUERTO RICO. APPARENTLY GON JOINED IN LIMA CONSENSUS. REACTION TO OUR APPROACHES NON-COMMITTAL SO FAR. ISSUE HAS BEEN EFFECTIVELY FLAGGED AS FACTOR IN OVERALL US-GON RELATIONS AND FACTS IN SUPPORT OF OUR POSITION HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF GON. FROM VANTAGE POINT OF NIAMEY, IT HAS BEEN ADVANTAGEOUS TO EMPHASIZE CONCEPT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. BELIEVE THIS IDEA RATHER THAN "INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS" SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE STRESSED. PROSPECTS THAT NIGER WILL TAKE A VISIBLE POSITON OR SPEAK  
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OUT AGANST A CONSENSUS ON PUERTO RICO WITHIN NAC ARE VERY

SLIM. STILL IT WORTHWHILE TO CONTINUE ON REGULAR BASIS EFFORTS WE HAVE PURSUED TO DATE, RESERVING FURTHER TOP-LEVEL APPROACHES UNTIL JULY -- I.E., AFTER OAU SUMMIT WHERE PUERTO RICO SEEMS NOT LIKELY ARISE BUT WELL BEFORE NAC SUMMIT. CHANGE OF NIGER AMBASSADORS IN WASHINGTON OFFERS OPPORTUNITY FOR DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY DURING FAREWELL-INTRODUCTORY CALLS TO SIGNAL INTERPLAY BETWEEN MULTI-LATERAL ITEMS AND BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. MIDDLE EAST. GON HAS NOT RAISED IN DISCUSSIONS SO FAR. IT PARTICIPATED IN AFRO-ARAB DAKAR MEETING AND ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS ISTANBUL SESSION AND DOUBTLESS DID NOT DEMUR TO MIDDLE EAST PORTIONS OF COMMUNIQUE'. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD AMBASSADOR APRIL 14 NIGER OPPOSES EXPULSION ISRAEL FROM UN (NIAMEY 1651).

4. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF OTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH GON SINCE LAST UNGA WITH PRINCIPAL FOCUS ON MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS:

--FEBRUARY 25: DCM - SECRETARY GENERAL FOREIGN MINISTRY; WE NOTED INCREASED ATTENTION BY US TO MULTILATERAL ISSUES IN GENERAL; REVIEWED OUTCOME ON KOREA AT LAST UNGA; REVIEWED PUERTO RICO ISSUE AND OUR OBJECTIONS TO LIMA RESOLUTION; SAID WE HOPED FOR FULLER DIALOGUE AND NON-CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACHES THIS YEAR.

-- MARCH 12: DCM - DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS; ON BASIS OF INSTRUCTIONS (STATE 49330) DELIVERED AIDE-MEMOIRE ON PUERTO RICO SUPPLEMENTING PREVIOUS NOTE SAME SUBJECT PRESENTED AFTER LIME MEETING (NIAMEY 1085); KOREA DISCUSSED.

-- MARCH 29: DCM - DIRECTOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS; REVIEWED AIDE MEMOIRE ON PUERTO RICO; DISCUSSED OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREA LAST YEAR; EXPRESSED HOPE FOR NON-CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACH THIS YEAR.

-- APRIL 7: AMBASSADOR - FOREIGN MINISTER; DJERMAKOYE SAID HE AWARE IMPORTANCE PUERTO RICO QUESTION (NIAMEY 1553).

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-- MAY 10: DCM - DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS. AIDE-MEMOIRE ON KOREA (NIAMEY 2057); SUGGESTED NON-CONFRONTATION APPROACH SHOULD ACCORD WITH NIGER'S INTEREST. ASKED THAT NIGER REPS IN CAPITALS HOSTING NON-ALIGNED PREPARATORY MEETINGS BE BRIEFED ON OUR POSITION RE PUERTO RICO. POLITICAL DIRECTOR SAID NIGER EMBASSY ALGIERS WOULD BE INFORMED BEFORE NAAC.

-- MAY 15: AMBASSADOR - PRESIDENT KOUNTCHE; REMINDED

PRESIDENT THAT PUERTO RICO AND KOREA ARE IMPORTANT TO US  
(NIAMEY 2163).

-- MAY 20: DCM - SECRETARY GENERAL MINISTRY OF  
FOREIGN AFFAIRS; FOLLOWING UP ON AMBASSADOR - KOUNTCHE  
MEETING (NIAMEY 2239). DAVISON

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